Commonwealth Games, Asian Games and Olympic Games, Long Term Development Plans (LTDP) are finalized in consultation with concerned National Sports Federations, former-international sportspersons and training method experts. Besides that, the probables are provided with required scientific and equipment support, coaching by Indian and Foreign coaches in Coaching Camps and assistance to participate in international tournaments.

Under the Scheme of Assistance to Promising Sports persons and Supporting Personnel, assistance is provided to promising sportspersons for training and participation in tournaments abroad, for purchase of equipment for scientific support and for training and participation in tournaments in the country. The assistance given under this Scheme is aimed at winning medals in major multi disciplinary events.

Humiliation of Sunita Rani

5255. SHRI B. J. PANDA :
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT :

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to Sunita Rani's tale of vow "who will make up for all the humiliation" appeared in the media, recently;

(b) whether it is a fact that all Government agencies had deserted her in the need of the hour and treated her as an outcast at every place in our country, as claimed by her;

(c) whether this does not cast a devastating demoralization effect on our budding sports persons, as our officials leave the needy in lurch to face all kinds of humiliation and abuses from all corners; and

(d) how Government propose to tackle such a situation to avoid demoralization of sports persons ?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIK RAM VERMA) : (a) to (d) Ms. Sunita Rani, athlete tested positive for 'Nandrolone' during the Busan Asian Games, 2002. As a result, 1 gold and 1 bronze medal won by her during the Games were taken back from her. Now Ms. Sunita Rani has been cleared of all the charges by the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) and both the medals have been restored to her. All this could be possible because of the initiative taken by the Amateur Athletic Federation of India (AAFI) who

constituted a One-Man Salwan Commission of Inquiry and also took up the matter with the appropriate authorities at International level, on the basis of the findings of the Salwan Commission. The Government and its agencies have also given full support to AAFI in this matter.

Promotion of Sports

5256. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state the details of modes of assistance to States and UTs for the promotion of different sports ?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA) : Government of India sanctions financial assistance to various States/ Union Territories on receipt of viable proposals from them. The proposals received from the States/UTs are scrutinized in accordance with the guidelines of various sports schemes under which grants are admissible to States/ UTs and admissible grants are released to them. The release of grants to States/ UTs is, however, subject to the further condition that they have to submit Utilization Certificates of earlier grants released to them, if any.

Assistance to Schools for Sports Equipments and Playground

5257. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of schools which have been assisted under the scheme of Grants to Rural Schools, for Sports Equipments and Playground State-wise, particularly in Andhra Pradesh ; and

(b) the funds allocated and the actual expenditure incurred under the scheme, during the year 2002-2003 ?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIKRAM VERMA) : (a) State -wise details of schools assisted including Andhra Pradesh under the scheme of Grants to Rural Schools for purchase of sports equipment and development of playground during the last 3 years have been given in the enclosed Statement. *(See below)*

(b) The budget allocation and actual expenditure incurred under the aforementioned scheme, during 2002-2003, including NE States, was Rs.320 .00 lakhs and Rs. 310.99 lakhs respectively.